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Dear Luca--

I am sorry to hear so many mishaps have descended on you at once; they might have turned out worse; I hope by now they are better.

As to funding, the NIH's position in foreign grants is probably quite fluid and unpredictable. I think it is quite possible that you may have another chance, or set of chances, with the defense agencies, which have a remarkably basic program. (My main objection in the past as far as dealing with them used to be that they were more entangled in red tape than, say, NIH; this is probably no longer true.)

The most likely source here is the Air Force; European Office of Aerospace Research, Shell Building, 47 Cantersteen, Brussels 1, Belgium. Phone 13-10-78. "Molecular and Cell Biology" is one of the stated areas of interest in the OAR program. Another is "Individual and Group Performance and Behavior", including "studies of human interaction and the organizational effectiveness of large and small groups". I suggest you ask the Brussels office for a copy of their brochure. I would tell them the program you want to work on, and for which you need support. If there is any way this can be matched to their mission, I am sure they will look for it. Whether they have any available funds, I do not know.

The same for Office of Naval Research.

Have you thought of Ford Foundation, especially for your demographic studies?

I hope you don't come to feel too desperate about maintaining your program. If it becomes impossible to do science in Italy, there are many other possibilities. I am afraid it will never come to quite such a severe repression, only a series of nuisances, so the next perturbation will probably be a positive one. So it is here! the "last straw" is always a milligram short of producing a decisive or drastic upset.

I hope the Interst arrangements eventually work out for you. In any case, please do not worry about any provisions on my behalf, you have enough other concerns. The alternatives I mentioned in my previous letters are entirely congenial as far as I am concerned. As long as Lepetit is involved, I cannot think of any auxiliary arrangements in the US; these would have to be worked out directly with Lepetit, and I would not want to get involved in that. If they should become dissociated, I can imagine other commercial support, (but it might be complicated/ to arrange-- so I would consider this a final resort).

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